

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 14, 19, 27 and 28 have been amended. Claims 5, 8-13 and 20-26 have been canceled. Claims 29-31 have been added. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 14-19 and 27-31 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 5-7 and 18-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5, and claim 5 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-4, 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 14 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 20, and claim 20 has been cancelled. Thus, claims 14-19 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 27 is a computer-readable storage medium version of amended claim 1 and is thus in condition for allowance.

Independent claims 28 and 29 are the same as allowable claim 7 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim in computer-readable storage medium and method form, respectively, and are thus in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 30 is the same as allowable claim 18 rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim. Thus claims 30 and 31 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants maintain their traversal of the rejections of the previous version of all claims. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of such claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-66200/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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